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No MEETING of the Society was held on April 4, 1890, it being Good Friday.

APRIL 17, 1890.

The One-hundredth Anniversary of the death of Benjamin Franklin was commemorated at Association Hall, by the Society. Addresses were delivered as follows:

A Short Biography of Dr. Franklin, by John Bach McMaster, Professor of American History in the University of Pennsylvania; "His Literary Labors," by G. Brown Goode, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, at Washington; "His Scientific Work," by Prof. J. W. Holland, Professor of Medical Chemistry and Toxicology in the Jefferson Medical College; "His Association With the Society," by Frederick Fraley, LL.D., President of the Society; "His Diplomatic Services," by Prof. Henry M. Baird, Professor of English Literature and Greek in the University of the City of New York.

A full account will be published in Proceedings, No. 133.

Stated Meeting, April 18, 1890.

Present, 14 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:

Letters of envoy were received from the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, Sydney; Societas Pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors; Observatoire Astronomique et Physique, Tashkend; Physikalische Gesellschaft, Berlin; Bureau des Longitudes, Paris; Bath and West of

England Society and Southern Counties Association, Bath; Meteorological Office, London.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Sydney (129); Academie Royale Danoise des Sciences, etc., Copenhagen (128, 129); Natural History Society, Montreal (129, 130); Sociedad Cientifica "Alzate," Mexico (129, 130).

Letters of acknowledgment (130) were received from the K. K. Central-Anstalt für Meteorologie, etc., Wien; Naturforschende Gesellschaft, Emden; Naturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft "Isis," Dresden; Dr. Julius Platzmann, Leipzig; Société Linneenne de Bordeaux; Société de Borda, Dax; Société d'Anthropologie, Profs. Abel Hovelacque, Léon de Rosny, Rémi Siméon, Paris; Geological and Natural History Survey, Ottawa, Canada; Mr. Talcott Williams, Philadelphia; Prof. S. P. Langley, Washington, D. C.; California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco.

A letter of acknowledgment for diploma was received from Prof. Dr. Hugo Von Meltzel, Koloszvar, Hungary.

A letter of acknowledgment, Transactions, Vol. xvi, Part iii, was received from the San Francisco Free Public Library, San Francisco, Cal.

A letter from Daniel F. Wolf, suggesting that the tombstone of Franklin should be re-lettered and a bronze tablet placed on the graveyard wall with a suitable inscription.

The following letter from M. P. Massion (Notaire, Boulevard Haussmann, 58, Paris, France) was read:

P. MASSION,
NOTAIRE,
SUCCESSEUR DE SON PÈRE
58, BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN.

PARIS, le 31 Mars, 1890.

MONSIEUR LE PRÈSIDENT:

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer qu'aux termes de son testament déposé en mon étude, Monsieur Auguste Carlier, décédé en son domicile à Paris, rue de Berlin, N°. 12, le 16 Mars courant, a légué à la Société Philosophique de Philadelphie, dont il était membre, une somme de vingt mille francs. Cette Société en fera l'usage qu'elle jugera convenable pour l'aider dans ses travaux.

Quand cette somme pourra être mise à votre disposition, je vous en aviserai.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le President, l'assurance de mes sentiments distingués,

MASSION.

MONSIEUR LE PRÈSIDENT DE LA SOCIÉTÉ PHILOSOPHIQUE, PHILADELPHIE.

On motion, the letter was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the President was requested to prepare and transmit a suitable answer to the same.

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Royal Society of New South Wales, Australian Association for the Advancement of Science, Sydney; Société des Naturalistes, Kief; Observatoire Astronomique et Physique, Tashkend; Societas Pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors, Finland; K. K. Naturhistorisches Hof-Museum, K. K. Geographische Gesellschaft, K. K. Geologische Reichsanstalt, Wien; Gesellschaft für Erdkunde, Physikalische und Physiologische Gesellschaft, K. P. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin; Mr. A. Radcliffe Grote, Bremen; Oberlausitzer Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Görlitz; Mr. Aug. Nilson, Gefle, Sweden; K. Danske Videns Rabernes Selskab, Copenhagen; "Flora Batava," Leyden; R. Istituto, Lombardo, Milan; Accademia Reale delle Scienze, Turin; Corpo delle Miniere, Servizio Geologico, R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome; R. Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettre ed Arti, Venice; Société Historique, etc., du Cher, Bourges; Société de Borda, Dax; Académie des Sciences, etc., Dijon; Sociétés d'Anthropologie, Zoologique de France, Bureau des Longitudes, Paris; Société des Antiquaries de la Morinie, Saint-Omer; R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid; Commission des Travaux Geologiques de Portugal, Lisbon; Bath and West of England Society, and Southern Counties Association, Bath; Philosophical Society, Cambridge, Eng.; Meteorological Council, London; Mr. Horatio Hale, Clinton (Ontario), Canada; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Mass.; Essex Institute, Public Library, Salem; American Antiquarian Society, Worcester; Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence; Commissioners of the State Reser-

vation at Niagara, Albany; Academy of Sciences, Dr. J. S. Newberry, Mr. J. Bleecker Miller, Messrs. Ivison, Blakeman & Co., New York; Mr. Franklin Leonard Pope, Elizabeth, N. J.; Academy of Natural Sciences, Mercantile Library, Messrs. Edwin A. Barber, W. C. Blelock, D. G. Brinton, E. D. Cope, Walter M. James, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Maryland Academy of Sciences, Baltimore; U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Fish Commission, Geological Survey, Bureau of Education, Smithsonian Institution, Secretary of War, Dr. Albert S. Gatschet, Hon. Charles O'Neill, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Jane Rittenhouse Wilson presented a cornelian said to have been formerly worn by Dr. Benjamin Franklin, of which she gave the following account:

Benjamin Franklin, during his attendance at the Convention that adopted the Declaration of Independence, wore a certain watch chain on which was a cornelian charm.

This chain and charm he gave to a personal friend, a veteran of the war of 1812, named Daniel Leman, who gave it to his friend,

MRS. JANE RITTENHOUSE WILSON,

One of the Rittenhouse family.

The following deaths were reported:

M. Louis A. C. Carlier, Paris, March 19, 1890, æt. 87.
Mr. Frederick Graff, Philadelphia, March 30, 1890, æt. 73.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint suitable persons to prepare the usual obituary notices.

A paper on "Fresh Water Infusoria," by Dr. Alfred C. Stokes (Trenton, New Jersey), was presented through the Secretaries.

A paper on the "Asiatic Affinities of the Malay Language," by C. Staniland Wake, was presented by the Secretaries.

Pending nomination No. 1209 and new nominations Nos. 1210, 1211 and 1212 were read.

The Committee on Extended Accommodations presented the following Report:

PHILADELPHIA, April 16, 1890.

The Committee on Extended Accommodations, appointed January 17, would respectfully report,

That they have carefully considered the various propositions referred to them; and after due deliberation, concluded to request from J. M. Wilson, Esq., Architect, plans for the alteration of the present building, such as would render it completely fire-proof, harmonize with its surroundings, and provide for the Society's present needs as well as its prospective ones for a period of at least twenty years to come.

He has submitted the accompanying plans and proposal, the adoption of which we would recommend: and therefore offer the following resolution:

That the Committee on Extended Accommodations be continued and empowered to enter into negotiations for alterations to the present buildings in accordance with the plan now submitted.

W. P. TATHAM,
RICHARD VAUX,
FREDERICK FRALEY,
J. CHESTON MORRIS,
Chairman.

A discussion ensued upon the subject, in which Messrs. Morris, Hays, Baker, Dudley, Vaux, Tatham, Potts and others took part.

Dr. Hays moved that the subject be made the special order for the next stated meeting and that notice thereof be put on the meeting cards.

Mr. Vaux moved that the subject be considered at a special meeting, to be held on next Friday (April 25), and that notice should be placed on the meeting cards, and further that the Librarian should place on the cards the words "the plans can be examined at the rooms of the Society."

Mr. Vaux's motion was carried *nem. con.*

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized and empowered to satisfy a mortgage of William J. Norris for $4000, the same having been paid off.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.